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SUBJECT: KOREA AND MIDEAST AT 29TH UNGA: SWEDISH POSITION

REF: STATE 216554 (NOTAL)

1. SWEDISH MFA UN AFFAIRS DIVISION OFFICIAL LOFGREN
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT SWEDISH POSITION ON KOREA AS
DESCRIBED BY REFTEL IS ACCURATE. HE SAID THAT SWEDEN
SUPPORTS THE US POSITION--IN THEORY AT LEAST--WITH THE
SMALL RESERVATION THAT SWEDEN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO SC TAKING UP MATTER SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. HE
DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT SWEDEN WOULD HAVE "DIFFICULTY"
IN EITHER VOTING FOR OUR RESOLUTION OR AGAINST THE
UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION. SINCE GOS HOPES IT WILL NOT
HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A CHOICE, IT IS PREPARED TO BE VERY
HELPFUL IN DEVISING A COMPROMISE SOLUTION IN COMMITTEE
WHICH COULD BE PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

2. IN SAME DISCUSSION LOFGREN SAID THAT GOS BELIEVES
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MIDEAST/PALESTINE ISSUE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS OF ALL MATTERS BEFORE UNGA.
SWEDEN VIEWS WITH GRAVE CONCERN, HE SAID, PROSPECT OF
INVITING PLO TO SPEAK AT PLENUM, A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD
BE VERY BAD FOR THE UN. GOS HOPES THAT ARABS WILL BE
CONTENT WITH HAVING PLO SPEAK IN COMMITTEE, BUT LOFGREN
IS NOT CONFIDENT THAT ARABS WILL BE CONTENT WITH THIS.
HE SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BUT HIS PERSONAL
OPINION WAS THAT SWEDEN WOULD VOTE AGAINST ARABS ON
THIS POINT, ALTHOUGH HE QUALIFIED THIS BY SAYING: "BUT
YOU KNOW OUR PROBLEM WITH OIL." STRAUZ-HUPE

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